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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 48.9 degrees, 1.5 degrees below normal for the week ending October 26. Precipitation averaged 0.40 inches, 0.14 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 9 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 24. This is the same as last year and 0.5 days more than the 1998-2002 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	5.8	3.8	116.1
2002	5.8	5.5	145.5
1998-2002 Average	5.3	4.9	147.4

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	1	84	15
Last Week	0	0	70	30
Same Week Last Year	14	39	45	2
1998-2002 Average	7	22	60	11

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Ninety-six percent of **Corn** is mature, compared to 97 percent last year and 99 percent for the five-year average.

Growers have 36 percent of corn for grain harvested. This is seven days behind 2002 and nine days behind the 1998-2002 average. Producers have 82 percent of **Soybeans** harvested. This is one day behind 2002 and two days behind the five-year average. Farmers have 87 percent of **Winter wheat** planted. This is six days behind last year and three days behind the five-year average. Fifty-two percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is seven days behind 2002 and six days behind the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have 25 percent of **Sugarbeats** harvested. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 95 percent complete.

Fruit producers have harvested 90 percent of **Fall Apples** compared to 86 percent in 2002 and 89 percent for the five-year average. The **Grape** harvest is 84 percent complete, compared to 96 percent last year and 98 percent for the 1998-2002 average.

Temperatures dropped last week as Ohio experienced another frost this past Friday. The drop in temperature had little effect on field activities as most proceeded as normal. Throughout the week farmers harvested corn and beans, baled hay and planted winter wheat. Vegetable growers are still harvesting cabbage and the pumpkin harvest is finishing up. Fruit growers have just about finished picking fall apples. Several in the farming community are preparing for next springs planting season by chisel plowing, spraying herbicide and applying fertilizer.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Respondents indicated last weeks frost killed many late developing crops, in the northern part of the state. Hay was rated 63 percent good to excellent condition compared to 20 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 70 percent good to excellent compared to 17 percent in 2002. Many have commented about the large numbers of Asian ladybugs, which are no threat to crops.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	95	96	96	87	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	90	86	89	83	NA
Corn mature	96	97	99	89	NA
Corn harvested for grain	36	54	51	20	56
Grapes harvested	84	96	98	76	NA
Soybeans harvested	82	84	85	64	74
Sugarbeats harvested	25	73	16	19	75
Winter wheat planted	87	94	91	72	82
Winter wheat emerged	52	70	70	24	61

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	20	48	25
Previous Week	2	5	20	48	25
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	27	51	12
Previous Week	4	7	27	48	14
Previous Year	19	22	39	19	1
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	25	54	16
Previous Week	2	4	20	55	19
Previous Year	18	25	40	16	1
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	10	36	42	9
Previous Week	3	8	33	44	12
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	26	57	11
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	2	27	56	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	47.9	-1.7	0.53	-0.01	31.52	8.48	23	-16	2953	-124
North Central	47.7	-2.2	0.69	0.24	29.67	5.92	25	-14	2931	-99
Northeast	47.3	-2.1	0.43	-0.07	34.92	9.61	28	-9	2697	-157
West Central	49.2	-1.1	0.65	0.15	34.65	10.07	33	-10	3115	-98
Central	48.9	-1.8	0.29	-0.20	32.10	7.08	36	-9	3168	-84
Central Hills	47.8	-1.8	0.43	-0.04	32.73	7.60	30	-10	2925	-84
Northeast Hills	47.8	-2.3	0.33	-0.14	33.49	8.52	33	-9	2965	-89
Southwest	51.1	-0.5	0.59	-0.04	32.94	6.73	45	-4	3309	-92
South Central	50.9	-0.9	0.09	-0.57	34.70	9.77	47	-6	3391	-63
Southeast	49.1	-1.6	0.07	-0.49	32.66	7.53	39	-8	3142	-100
STATE	48.9	-1.5	0.40	-0.14	32.93	8.12	34	-9	3076	-99

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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